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DEATH.
At 8.15 a.m. at No. 22, Canton Road, Katoe, of
pulmonary consumption, CHAN KEE HING, aged 28 years,
the beloved wife of FREDERICK J. BARNES, aged 28 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 27, 1936.

When the Praya Reclamation scheme was first
conceived the Colony had reached the
climax of a period of apparent prosperity,
and its growth and prospects seemed ample
to justify the project. Nor is there any
doubt that eventually the filling in of the
foreshore and the carrying of the bund out
into deep water along the whole face of the
city of Victoria will prove a very desirable
and necessary improvement. Desirable from a
sanitary standpoint; necessary to provide
sites for further extension of the city on the
level. Yet it must be confessed that the
work was, after all, undertaken a little too
soon. Events that could not have been fore-
seen have occurred which have set back the
tide of the Colony's progress, and it now re-
quires a period of rest for general recuperation.
Trade has been woefully depressed, the
colony has been drained of its capital by
mining and planting projects outside its
limits, most of which have ended disastrously,
and emigration from the port has
materially declined. There is also a general
want of confidence among investors, which
has produced stagnation in the
stock market. This has in turn ex-
ercised an adverse influence on landed
property, which has depreciated to a
very considerable extent. Money is ex-
ceedingly tight, and large sums are
locked up in at present unremunerative
undertakings. Although two large
sections of the Praya Reclamation have
now been completed for some months there
has only been one proposal for the land,
namely, that by the Hongkong Club for a
small lot at \$3.00 per square foot, and even
that was not a firm offer. Many of the
marine landholders experience great difficulty
in financing their share of the cost of filling
in, and the Government do not appear
inclined to advance money for the purpose.
Under these circumstances it is not surprising
that a feeling should have grown up in
favour of a temporary suspension of the
Reclamation. Indeed, we understand that a
petition is in contemplation for presentation
to the Government praying that a Sus-
pension Ordinance may be passed for this
purpose.

Great as the improvement to be effected
by the Praya Reclamation will undoubtedly
prove, and desirable as it is per se, it must
be acknowledged the petitioners have some
claim for consideration of their case. When
the work was commenced there was every
reason to believe the demand would keep
pace with the supply, that the reclaimed
land would be utilised as soon as available.
This has proved to be a mistaken conclusion,
in consequence of the wave of depression

that has passed over the Colony. It will
therefore be wise for the Government not to
press forward too fast with the reclamation.
If the work is suspended for a short period,
say three or five years, the Colony will ob-
tain a little breathing space in which to settle
down and recover from its losses and blows,
instead of the strain upon its resources being
continued and still further deepening.
Let it not be imagined that we advocate the
abandonment of the work of reclamation;
such an idea would find few supporters, and
on many accounts could not be entertained.
But for the reasons above stated there can,
we think, be little objection to the suspension
for a short time of the work on these sections,
for which no contracts have yet been signed.
Experience has taught us that it is possible
to proceed too fast; we must be content to
make more leisurely progress in the future.
There may of course be some difficulties
in the way of the Government according to
the prayer of the petition. A regular staff
of engineers and foremen is maintained for
this work, and at first glance it may not
seem easy to otherwise provide them with
employment. If, however, the Governor
could be persuaded to use his influence to
wards giving practical effect to that much-
to-be-desired improvement the reclamation
of the foreshore in front of the Naval Yard
and Wellington Barracks, thus uniting the
disjointed east and west portions of the city
of Victoria, might not the staff and plant
which would be released by the postponement
of the work be most opportunely
employed meantime on this reclamation
in front of the Imperial property, which has
been only too long delayed?

H.M.S. *Imperial*, Capt. J. M. McQuibban,
R.N., arrived at Amoy on the 23rd inst. from
Hongkong.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Thiele*, from
Bombay, left Singapore for this port on Satur-
day afternoon.

H.M.S. *Imperial*, with Admiral Sir E. B. Fre-
mantle, K.C.B., M.G., on board, arrived on
Saturday from Fakhri.

The Italian gunboat *Curtatone* arrived at
Amoy on the 27th ult. from Hongkong and left
on the 1st inst. for Shanghai.

We have received from the Tientsin Municipal
Council a copy of their protest to the British
Minister against the threatened alienation of
half of Victoria Park.

Shanghai papers announce the death of Pe-
king on 24th ult. after a long illness, of
W. A. Martin, wife of Dr. Martin,
Pres. dent of the Tung-shan-tuan.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Her Majesty
has not been advised to exercise her power of dis-
cussing with respect to the Ordinances to
amend the Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure.

It is reported from Peking that the Tsung-li
Yamen is unwilling to allow Sir Robert Hart
to go to Japan on a mission, as he is wanted to
assist in the negotiations with Russia as to the
Panama.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.M.S.
Empress of India, from Hongkong, arrived at
Shanghai at 2 a.m. on Saturday morning and
sailed again at 2 p.m. and will be expected at
Singapore at 6 a.m. today.

The times of light and dark in the Whang-
poo River, give, quite correctly, in the
account in Saturday's issue. The times should
be 24 seconds dark, 44 seconds light, 24 seconds
dark, 24 seconds light, thus showing a double
error of 24 seconds.

Intelligence has been received that Com-
modore Sir Basil Halliday has been promoted to
Rear Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet. We may
expect soon to hear who will be selected by the
Admiralty to relieve Admiral Bury Palmer as
Commodore in charge at Hongkong.

The *Hongkong Times* says:—A rumour reaches
us of a French steamer, which has been wrecked
in Cambodia, in which two French residents have
lost their lives—one at Pursat, the other at a town
or village in the neighbourhood of the Great
Lakes. This rumour is said to have been the
cause of excitement.

A Chinaman, who was employed as cook on
board the steamer *Imperial*, which arrived at
Singapore from Hongkong, on the 25th ult., was
given into custody on a charge of culpable
homicide not amounting to murder. It alleged
that he had accidentally killed a Chinese man
throwing rice overboard, and that two hours
afterwards the passenger died. The case was
before the Court on the 25th and was remanded.

The following official movements are noted by
the Tientsin correspondent of the N. C. Daily
News:—The Tientsin correspondent of the N. C. Daily
News, Mr. von Brandt, is reported to be
Mr. von Brandt to Korea, proposed, after visiting
Japan, returning to Shanghai to accompany
Baron von Schack to Peking. Mr. Michie,
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